

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
**MOI 162**

**In Re Application Of:** Kevin J. Law, et al.

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**Serial No.**  
**10/040,144**

Filing Date  
01/03/2002

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Group Art Unit  
1764

**Invention: A Retainer For Buttressing An Element And A Method For Producing The Retainer**

**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 01/08/2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months       Five months

from: 4/08/2004 *Date* until: 5/08/2004 *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

is enclosed.  
 has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dated:

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***Signature***

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited  
on 5/6/2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as  
first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the  
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA  
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